

No. 11873

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**Treaty to resolve pending boundary differences and maintain the Rio Grande and Colorado River as the international boundary between the United Mexican States and the United States of America (with annexed maps). Signed at Mexico City on 23 November 1970**

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*Registered by Mexico on 17 July 1972.*

**MEXIQUE**

et

**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE**

**Traité relatif au règlement des différends frontaliers existants et au maintien des fleuves Rio Grande et Colorado comme frontière internationale entre les États Unis du Mexique et les**

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*Article I*

In order to resolve the pending boundary cases of the Ojinaga-Presidio Tracts, the Horcon Tract, Beaver Island, and islands, in which the territory of one of the Contracting States has been placed on the opposite bank of the Rio Grande, and to restore this river as the international boundary, Mexico and the United States have decided to modify the position of the Rio Grande in

certain reaches in accordance with the following terms:

- (2) The orderly evacuation of the occupants of the lands referred to in paragraph D (1) of this Article.

E. The changes in location of the Rio Grande referred to in paragraphs A, B and C of this Article, shall be executed by the Commission as soon as practical in accordance with the engineering plans recommended by it and approved by the two Governments. The cost of these changes in location shall be equally

divided between the two Governments, through an appropriate division of work recommended by the Commission in the same engineering plans

in those locations where this character has been lost between the Gulf of Mexico and its intersection with the land boundary, the Contracting States

agree that:

A. Except as provided in Articles I (F), III (B) and III (C) of this Treaty,

from the date on which this Treaty enters into force, the international boundary between Mexico and the United States in the limitrophe sections of the Rio Grande and the Colorado River shall run along the middle of the channel occupied by normal flow and, where either of the rivers has two or more

B. (b) When the Rio Grande or the Colorado River, through movements

other than those described in paragraph A of this Article, separates from one Contracting State a tract of land, which might be composed of or include islands, of no more than 250 hectares (617.76 acres) and with an established population of no more than 100 inhabitants, the Contracting State from which the tract of land has been separated shall have the right to restore the river to

population of more than 100 inhabitants, the international boundary shall remain in its prior position and sovereignty over the separated tract of land shall not change, notwithstanding the provisions of Article II (A) of this Treaty. In such cases the Commission shall restore the river to its prior channel as soon as practical, equally dividing the costs between the Contracting States.

A. Each Contracting State, in the limitrophe sections of the Rio Grande and the Colorado River, may protect its bank against erosion and, where either of the rivers has more than one channel, may construct works in the channel or channels that are completely within its territory in order to preserve the character of the limitrophe channel provided, however, that in the judgment of the Commission the works that are to be executed under this paragraph do not adversely affect the other Contracting State through the deflection or obstruction of the normal flow of the river or of its flood flows.

B. (1) Both in the main channel of the river and on adjacent lands to a distance ~~on either side of the international boundary recommended by the~~

Commission and approved by the two Governments, each Contracting State



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north side of these boundaries Mexico shall not, and on the south side of them the United States shall not, for any purpose claim or exercise sovereignty.

sovereign rights or jurisdiction over the waters, air space, or seabed and subsoil. Once recognized, these new boundaries shall supersede the provisional maritime boundaries referred to in the Commission's Minute No. 229.

D. The establishment of these new maritime boundaries shall not affect or prejudice in any manner the positions of either of the Contracting States with respect to the extent of internal waters, of the territorial sea, or of sovereign rights or jurisdiction for any other purpose.

E. The Commission shall recommend the means of physically marking the maritime boundaries and of the division of work for construction and maintenance of the markers. When such recommendations have been approved

(4) The law or laws applicable to the acts or omissions referred to in paragraph

Paragraph (3) of this Article

C. (1) All materials, implements, equipment and repair parts intended for the construction, operation and maintenance of the works required to carry out the provisions of this Treaty shall be exempt from taxes relating to imports and exports. For this purpose, each Section of the Commission shall furnish

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By the Convention for the Elimination of Racism in the Rio Grande signed

on March 20, 1905;<sup>1</sup>

and

C. to the extent that they are inconsistent with this Treaty:

- (1) Article V of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, signed on February 2, 1848;<sup>2</sup>
- (2) Article I of the Mesilla (Gadsden) Treaty, signed on December 30, 1853;<sup>3</sup>
- (3) Article IV of the Convention establishing the International Boundary Commission, signed March 1, 1889;<sup>4</sup> and

## RELOCALIZACIÓN DEL RÍO BRAVO EN LOS CORTES DE OJINAGA-PRESIDIO

*Tabla de coordenadas de la poligonal*

Esta tabla forma parte del plano titulado « Relocalización del Río Bravo en los cortes de Ojinaga-Presidio », fechado el 19 de noviembre de 1970. <sup>1</sup>

Estación	Coordenadas en metros *		Coordenadas en pies *	
	Norte	Este	Norte	Este
1	209 008.07	81 418.18	685 722.00	267 120.00
2	208 834.94	81 487.88	685 153.99	267 348.68
3	208 461.91	81 774.74	683 930.16	268 289.82
4	204 815.36	86 647.60	671 966.39	284 276.90
88	204 492.40	86 863.08	670 906.82	284 983.87
89	204 016.35	86 983.82	669 344.98	285 380.00
90	204 132.18	86 868.00	669 725.00	285 000.00
91	204 163.89	86 819.91	669 829.03	284 842.22
92	204 216.00	86 836.91	670 000.00	284 898.00
93	204 327.99	86 904.78	670 367.41	285 120.68
94	204 374.50	86 982.30	670 520.00	285 375.00
95	204 453.74	86 988.40	670 780.00	285 395.00
96	204 517.61	86 935.64	670 989.54	285 221.91
97	204 569.57	86 868.00	671 160.00	285 000.00
5	204 593.28	86 827.35	671 237.80	284 866.63
6	204 609.19	86 794.85	671 290.00	284 760.00
7	204 640.00	86 640.00	671 100.00	284 000.00

RELOCATION OF THE RIO GRANDE IN THE PRESIDIO-OJINAGA TRACTS

*Table of coordinates of traverse points*

Presidio Ojinaga Tracts, dated November 10, 1970 1

Station	North	East	North	East
29	676,515.00	273,015.00	206,201.77	83,214.97
30	677,135.00	272,500.00	206,390.75	83,058.00
31	677,795.00	271,805.00	206,591.92	82,846.16
32	678,100.00	271,890.00	206,684.88	82,872.07
33	678,605.00	271,815.00	206,838.80	82,849.21
34	678,660.00	271,580.00	206,855.57	82,777.58
35	678,480.00	271,345.00	206,800.70	82,705.96
36	678,460.00	271,095.00	206,794.61	82,629.76
37	678,195.00	270,915.00	206,713.84	82,574.89
38	678,155.00	270,725.00	206,701.64	82,516.98
39	678,578.00	270,455.00	206,830.57	82,434.68
40	678,540.00	270,225.00	206,818.99	82,364.58
41	678,370.00	270,120.00	206,767.18	82,332.58
42	678,085.00	270,310.00	206,680.31	82,390.49
43	677,955.00	270,260.00	206,640.68	82,375.25
44	677,790.00	270,000.00	206,590.39	82,296.00
45	677,810.00	269,705.00	206,596.49	82,206.08
46	678,060.00	269,455.00	206,672.69	82,129.88
47	678,075.00	269,310.00	206,677.26	82,085.69
48	677,855.00	269,100.00	206,610.20	82,021.68
49	677,480.00	269,045.00	206,495.90	82,004.92
50	676,895.00	269,175.00	206,317.60	82,044.54
51	676,590.00	269,435.00	206,224.63	82,123.79
52	676,385.00	269,820.00	206,162.15	82,241.14
53	676,500.00	270,360.00	206,197.20	82,405.73
54	676,195.00	270,500.00	206,104.24	82,448.40
55	676,005.00	270,435.00	206,046.32	82,428.59
56	675,840.00	270,155.00	205,996.03	82,343.24
57	675,895.00	269,305.00	206,012.80	82,084.16
58	676,050.00	268,390.00	206,060.04	81,805.27
59	676,735.00	267,710.00	206,268.83	81,598.01
60	677,350.00	267,585.00	206,456.28	81,559.91
61	677,695.00	267,730.00	206,561.44	81,604.10
62	678,065.00	267,550.00	206,674.21	81,549.24

Station	Coordinates in feet *		Coordinates in meters *	
	South	East	South	East
78	683,415.00	266,105.00	208,304.89	81,108.80
79	683,765.00	266,020.00	208,411.57	81,082.90
80	683,995.00	266,070.00	208,481.68	81,098.14
81	684,150.00	266,085.00	208,521.30	81,261.20
82	684,125.00	266,605.00	208,521.30	81,261.20
83	684,310.00	266,990.00	208,577.69	81,378.55
84	684,620.00	267,165.00	208,672.18	81,431.89
85	684,865.00	267,215.00	208,746.85	81,447.13
86	685,220.00	267,200.00	208,855.06	81,442.56
87	685,535.00	267,105.00	208,951.07	81,413.60

AREA: 1606.19 acres = 650.00 hectares

\* Texas State Lambert Projection, South Central Zone.

DESCRIPTION OF RELOCATION CHANNEL OF THE RIO GRANDE  
IN THE PRESIDIO-OJINAGA TRACTS

This description forms a part of the map entitled "Relocation of the Rio Grande in the Presidio-Ojinaga tracts," dated November 19, 1970.

The center of the new channel of the Rio Grande begins at Point 1, with coordinates North 685,722.00 feet and East 267,120.00 feet; thence 612.30 feet along a tangent bearing South 21°55'48" East to Point 2, the beginning of a curve, with coordinates North 685,153.99 feet and East 267,348.68 feet; thence with a circular curve to the left with length of 1,563.19 feet and radius of 2,865.03 feet to Point 3, the end of curve, with coordinates North 683,930.16 feet and East 268,289.82 feet; thence 10,067.05 feet along a tangent bearing South 52°11'28" East to Point 4, the



RELOCATION OF THE RIO GRANDE UPSTREAM FROM HIDALGO-REYNOSA

*Table of coordinates of traverse points*

This table forms a part of the map "Relocation of the Rio Grande upstream"

Station	Coordinates in feet *		Coordinates in meters *	
	South	East	South	East
1	104,809.98	234,477.37	31,946.08	71,468.70
2	103,806.50	233,463.13	31,640.22	71,159.56
3	102,484.42	233,268.94	31,237.25	71,100.37
4	101,437.77	233,403.03	30,918.23	71,141.24
5	100,004.62	232,865.42	30,783.16	71,282.18

and East 237.869.43 feet: thence 4.442.00 feet along a tangent bearing South 70°44'52"

East, to Point 22, the end of relocation with coordinates South 105,534.91 feet and East 242,063.03 feet. The total length of the relocation of the Rio Grande is 8,542.07 feet.

Coordinates with origin at Reference Point "E", Range, Texas

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20	662,423.33	288,613.33	201,906.63	87,969.34
21	661,189.21	289,694.89	201,530.47	88,299.00

23	660 264.94	290 109.83	201 248.75	88 425.48
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*Coordinates in feet \***Coordinates in meters \**

15	658,080.00	298,795.00	200,582.78	91,072.72
16	657,495.00	298,730.00	200,404.48	91,052.90
17	656,635.00	298,220.00	200,142.35	90,897.46
18	656,045.00	298,295.00	199,962.52	90,920.32
19	655,839.23	298,291.44	199,899.80	90,919.23

AREA: 132.78 acres = 53.73 hectares

## TRACT NO. 6

Station	<i>Coordinates in feet *</i>		<i>Coordinates in meters *</i>	
	North	East	North	East
19	655,839.23	298,291.44	199,899.80	90,919.23
20	654,984.90	299,342.59	199,639.39	91,239.62

21	654,910.00	299,165.00	199,616.57	91,185.49
22	654,905.00	298,905.00	199,615.04	91,106.24
23	655,100.00	298,515.00	199,674.48	90,987.37
24	655,460.00	298,285.00	199,784.21	90,917.27

AREA: 9.31 acres = 3.77 hectares

## TRACT NO. 7

Station	<i>Coordinates in feet *</i>		<i>Coordinates in meters *</i>	
	North	East	North	East
20	654,984.90	299,342.59	199,639.39	91,239.62
25	655,180.00	299,805.00	199,698.86	91,380.56
26	654,935.00	300,705.00	199,624.19	91,654.88

27	655,035.00	301,010.00	199,654.67	91,747.85
28	655,036.94	301,221.92	199,655.26	91,812.44
29	654,571.94	302,496.92	199,513.53	92,201.06

*Tracts 1, 2 and 3*

The center of the new channel of the Rio Grande begins at Point 1, with co-

